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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated March 17, 1998. With the extension, a response is due on or before July 17, 1998. A check in the amount of \$950.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(c), is enclosed herewith.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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